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SUBJECT: CORRESPONDENCE DEGREE PROGRAMS	POLICY # L-98-02	DATE ADOPTED: 5/8/98
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Policy:

Correspondence based degree programs will not be accepted as meeting the educational requirements for licensure as a marriage, family, and child counselor, with the exception of the Governor's California Virtual University Matching Grant Program.

This does not indicate that some courses cannot be taken through distance learning. However, the entire degree program cannot be based on this concept.

Background:

Board staff has received numerous inquiries as to whether or not a correspondence degree program is acceptable for licensure. As this issue is not currently addressed in law, a survey was conducted with the other 39 state licensing boards and the Commission on Accreditation for Marriage and Family Therapy Education asking if these agencies recognize correspondence degree programs. Upon compilation of the results, the matter was brought before the Board for consideration.

Implementation:

Effective immediately.

Attachment:

None.